

Pnar language

Pnar (*Ka Ktien Pnar*), also known as **Jaiñtia**,^[3] is an Austroasiatic language spoken in India and Bangladesh.

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Phonology

Pnar has 30 phonemes: 7 vowels and 23 consonants. Other sounds listed below are phonetic realizations.^[4]

Vowels

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>Close</u>	/i/	[ɨ]	/u/
<u>Near-close</u>	[ɪ]		[ʊ]
<u>Close-mid</u>	/e/		/o/
<u>Mid</u>		[ə]	
<u>Open-mid</u>	/ɛ/	[ʌ]	/ɔ/
<u>Open</u>		/ɑ/	

Consonants

Pnar	
Jaiñtia	
<i>Ka Ktien Pnar</i>	
Pronunciation	/ka kɽeːn pnaɾ/
Native to	India, Bangladesh
Ethnicity	Pnar people
Native speakers	319,324 (2011 census) ^[1]
Language family	Austroasiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none">Khasic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pnar–Khasi<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pnar
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	pbv
Glottolog	pnar1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/lan guoid/id/pnar1238) ^[2]

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Nasal</u>		/m/		/n/	/ɲ/	/ŋ/	
<u>Plosive</u>	<u>voiceless</u>	/p/	/t̪/	/t/	/tʃ/	/k/	/ʔ/
	<u>voiced</u>	/b/	/d̪/	/d/	/dʒ/		
	<u>voiceless aspirated</u>	/pʰ/	/t̪ʰ/		[tʃʰ]	/kʰ/	
	<u>voiced aspirated</u>	[bʰ]	[d̪ʰ]		[dʒʰ]		
<u>Fricative</u>				/s/			/h/
<u>Trill</u>				/r/			
<u>Approximant</u>	<u>central</u>	/w/			/j/		
	<u>Lateral</u>			/l/			

Syllable structure

Syllables in Pnar can consist of a single nucleic vowel. Maximally, they can include a complex onset of two consonants, a diphthong nucleus, and a coda consonant. A second type of syllable contains a syllabic nasal/trill/lateral immediately following the onset consonant. This syllabic consonant behaves as the rhyme. (Ring, 2012: 141-2)

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External links

- <http://projekt.ht.lu.se/rwaai> RWAAI (Repository and Workspace for Austroasiatic Intangible Heritage)
 - <http://hdl.handle.net/10050/00-0000-0000-0003-D187-C@view> Pnar in RWAAI Digital Archive
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